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Subject: Immediately deny Permits for Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine

Dear EPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed dangerous Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells.

The proposed mine and deep disposal wells are in an area that is documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7000 old boreholes that have not been properly plugged. It will be completely impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of vital, precious, irreplaceable groundwater resources is extremely likely.

I am also concerned that completely adequate oversight of the quality of liquid wastes pumped into the Minnelusa Formation through the proposed deep disposal wells will be dangerously inadequate, and groundwater is likely to be contaminated.

A full and accurate survey of cultural and historical sites is needed before mining or deep disposal is even considered let alone allowed. Cultural and historical sites must always be fully and scrupulously protected.

The history of uranium mining indicates that uranium mining cannot be done without creating and leaving contamination. Groundwater has never, ever been returned to its original condition at any In-Situ leach uranium mine in the U.S. These permits should not be issued until it can be demonstrated that groundwater resources will be protected.

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